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1. SIX-HOUR LIVESTOCK CONGRESS, ATTENDED BY ABOUT 4000 PRODUCERS AND REPS OF 140 COOPERATIVES, WAS HELD HERE APRIL 13. CONGRESS WAS ATTENDED BY MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE MARTIS, AGRICULTURE UNDER-SEC YIANNOUSIS, "C" ARMY CMDR, LT. GEN. KRITIKOS AND LOCAL DEPUTIES. CONGRESS WAS WELL-ORGANIZED AND, WHILE MANY APARTICIPANTS WERE SHARPLY CRITICAL OF GOG AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INTERRUPTED SPEECH OF IORDANOGLOU, OVERALL SESSION WAS LESS STORMY THAN ANTICIPATED. BY AGREEMENT OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, POLITICAL ISSUES WERE EXCLUDED, AND SEVERAL SPEECHES CONTAINED WARM PRAISE FOR PM KARAMANLIS.

3. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 11 BY COORD. MIN PAPALIGOURAS FREEZING FURTHER MEAT IMPORTS AND INCREASING FROZEN MEAT PRICES OBVIOUSLY TEMPERED ATMOSPHERE OF CONGRESS AND PLANNED CATTLE DRIVE IN TO CITY WAS CANCELLED. SPEAKING AT CONGRESS, IORDANOGLOU ALSO ANNOUNCED FURTHER SUPPORT MEASURES FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS. LATTER, NEVERTHELESS, STILL PRESSING FOR DELAYED

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REPAYMENT OF AGRARIAN LOANS, FURTHER

INCREASED MEAT PRICES, ADDITIONAL TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND COMPENSATIONS
FOR LOSSES FROM UNSUITABLE LIVESTOCK IMPORTS.
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